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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Peter A. DeFazio
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Ranking Member Sam Graves
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Helper River Revitalization Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Helper City and the project is located at Poplar Street behind the Outdoor Mining Exhibit and runs to approximately 110 North Martin Road. The additional Phase VI River Restoration includes the removal of an obsolete dam located slightly south of 110 North Martin Road and the area surrounding Gigliotti Pond.

The funding is designated for walkway restoration which connects Helper's Historic Main Street to the existing Price River Walkway and other river restoration activities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits to the infrastructure that Utahns depend on: Economic revitalization. Helper City is a small, rural community that has suffered an economic downturn beginning in the 1980's due to an over reliance on coal mining as its' single economic driver. This project will improve accessibility to existing and up and coming retail outlets, restaurants, art galleries and the Western Mining & Railroad Museum.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John Curtis
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